

Alumni News

IN MEMORY

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David Huston ('86-'90) died on March 8, 1991 in Florida. He had suffered a long battle with cancer. Dave was a member of the Auto Society.

IN YOUR PRAYERS

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Capt. David Leppelmeier (BU/AT '82) wrote recently thanking everyone for their prayers. He was on the USS Midway during Desert Storm and his carrier did not lose any aircraft. Also, Dave was awarded two Air Medals and a Navy Commendation Medal with a combat action "V". Congratulations Dave!

Todd DeGroot (AT '86) has returned to Shreveport, LA after being deployed to the Middle East.

We are glad to say that several of our alumni have returned from the Middle East. Please continue to remember those still there and around the world as they serve in the military.

BABIES

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Brooke "Forest" (RE '82) and **David** (CST '86) **Bowser** are proud to announce the arrival of Jordan Cameron. Jordan arrived on January 24, 1991 and joined brother Jeriah in the Bowser home.

James (CST '86) and **Tamara Cude** want to be sure everyone knows about Amanda. Amanda was born March 17, 1990. Happy first birthday, Amanda.

Kirk (BU '87) and **Christi Erickstad** have a second child, Jared Timothy. Jared was born March 4, 1991 and joined 2 1/2 yr. old brother Devin. Jared's proud grandparents include LeTourneau Univ. Math Professor, Mr. Roger Erickstad and LeTourneau Trustee, Mr. Randel Stringer.

Glen (CST '87) and **Karen Joy "Hamrick"** (EE '86-'87) **McAfee** announce the birth of Hollis Faith. Hollis Faith was born in Boston, Massachusetts on December 4, 1990 and weighed 7 lbs. and 11 ozs.

Scott (EE '89) and **Brenda Edinger** and 2 yr. old Daniel are pleased to have Mark Andrew. He was born October 22, 1990 and weighed 7 lbs. and 11 ozs.

WEDDING BELLS

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Jeff Moser (BU/AT '84) married **Paati Page** on October 20, 1990. Jeff is a pilot for Louisiana Pacific Corp. and Paati is a flight attendant for Northwest Airlines. They currently reside in Hayward, Wisconsin.

We received a great photo of **Bill Conforti** (CSE '86) and his bride, **Lorebeth Hoffmann**. They were married on August 11, 1990 and said there were several LeTourneau alumni at the wedding. Bill is a Software Engineering Group Leader for Motorola and Lorebeth teaches kindergarten. They currently live in Palatine, IL.

Tim P. (ME '87) and **Julia Miller** told us their wedding took place on October 13, 1990. They live in Sterling, Virginia.

Tim Witten (MT '87) married **Amanda Abbeyley** on February 2, 1991 in Butler, New Jersey. Tim is an Applications Engineer with Douglas Engineering.

Terry Scensvad (BU/DT '88) married **Dave M. Simmons** March 23, 1991 at Pine Crest Bible Church in Longview, TX. They plan to live in Hallsville, Texas where Dave is employed by Hallsville High School.

CAREER NEWS

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Bill Kielhorn (WE '59) was recently recognized for his 25 years of service to LeTourneau University. On April 17th Bill was honored at the annual Wedding Alumni Dinner in Detroit. He was awarded his 25 year pin and received many letters of appreciation from alumni. The appreciation dinner was a surprise to Bill, but not to his wife, his daughters, and around 70 alumni who attended.

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Keith L. Bastian (ME '80) is now working for Tampella in Williamsport, PA. He is the Business Development Manager. Keith, his wife, Twila and their three children live in Hughesville, PA.



Paul Hara, left, and Kendall Harper, center, were honored as Alumnus of the Year and Honorary Alumnus of the Year, respectively, during Homecoming activities April 12-14.

Hara, Harper Receive Alumni Awards

Paul Hara and Kendall Harper were selected as Alumnus of the Year and Honorary Alumnus of the Year, respectively, during the annual LeTourneau University Alumni Homecoming April 12-14. Several hundred alumni, faculty and students attended Homecoming and participated in a wide variety of activities.

Hara is a 1966 LeTourneau graduate and has been employed at the University since 1969. He has served as Director of the Physical Plant for many years and serves on a number of campus committees such as the Campus Master Plan Committee and the Long

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Jeff (BU/AT '82) and **Deb Johnson** and their daughter, **Becky**, are currently at the JAARS headquarters in Waxhaw, NC. They are very concerned for the situation in Liberia and hope to return there in the fall. Meanwhile, Deb is expecting their second child in June. Please pray for this family.

ANNIVERSARIES

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Mr. and Mrs. Elmer E. Steele (JS '50) celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on April 7, 1991. Elmer is president of E.E. Steele and Son Machine and Tool which was formed in 1960 by Steele and his father. The Steele's live in White Oak, Texas.

CAMPUS VISITS

Steve Reas (BU/AT '78), **Bill Ewin** (ET/AT '79), **Tim Larson** (BU/AT '80), and **John Downing** (MT/AT '90) were part of an Aviation Seminar in February here on campus. They discussed their various careers and shared information with students about opportunities in the aviation industry. Thanks Guys!

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Steve (BU'85) **Reason's** wife, **Jamie**, took part in the LeTourneau Fine Arts Week in March. Jamie is a talented violinist and was one of the performers for a concert in Speer Chapel on March 8th. Thanks Jamie, you were great!

CORRECTIONS

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Bruce Elge's (EE '84) correct business title is Staff Engineer. His correct zip code of 94538 and his phone numbers are (415) 795-1544 (Home), and (408) 284-6456 (Work). Please make these corrections to your directory.

William S. Kennedy (GM '85) is listed as William "F." Kennedy in the new directory. Also, he has never been married so remove the name Kathleen from your directory. Sorry Bill, we didn't mean to many you off so soon.

CHAPTER MEETINGS

March 22nd was the date for the Tidewater Alumni Chapter meeting in Newport News, Virginia. **Lynn Showalter** (WT/MT '84) organized the meeting and a good time was had by all.

The Greater Delaware Valley Alumni Chapter met for dinner on March 23rd. The dinner was held at Willow Valley Conference Center in Lancaster, PA. The officers for this chapter are **Keith Bastian**, President (ME '80), **Bill Panagiotopoulos**, Vice President (ET '86), **Ken Burkins**, Secretary/Treasurer (MT/AT '78).

Some of the Detroit area alumni got together on April 16th. They shared memories of old times, viewed the new LeTourneau video and did some planning concerning alumni meetings for the Detroit area and Canada. Present were **Jeff Bowes** (BU '81), **Lee Mitchell** (RE '81), **Dave Whitten** (ME '69), **Paul Vannatto** (MT '79), and **John Gallano** (BU '84).

The annual Welding Alumni Meeting was held in Detroit on April 17th. The steering committee for the Other Budget Welding Endowment met Wednesday morning to discuss the status of the endowment. Wednesday evening a dinner was held to honor **Bill Kielhorn** for his 25 years of service to LeTourneau University and the Welding Alumni.

HOMECOMING REFLECTIONS

*by Ladina Wingert
Alumni Executive Committee
1991 Homecoming Chair*

Homecoming '91 — I'm sure some of you shuddered when you opened your mail several months ago and discovered the Homecoming information. 'Oh no, I'm not going, you thought; people will see me, I've gained weight, I won't know anyone or I'm not the president of a major corporation.' However, all of you who joined me in our Homecoming festivities will agree that we had a wonderful time. Those of you who couldn't make it back to "Renew Old Friendships," well see you next year!

KEEP IN TOUCH!

Send us the news of what's happening in your life.

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OR CALL:

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Secretary or
John Gallano, Director

AT: (903) 753-0231, ext. 333 or
1-800-759-8811

STORMS OF LIFE



*By John Gallano
Director of Alumni
Relations*

We enjoyed a great turnout at the Alumni 1991 Homecoming in spite of the heavy rains and thunderstorms that drenched East Texas that weekend. As I reflect on some of my own disappointments with the weather during homecoming weekend, I am reminded that we all face "storms" throughout life as we follow Jesus, yet He is always there to calm our hearts.

Matthew 8:23-26 tells us "... Jesus rebuked the wind and the waves and the storm was completely calm..." However, there may be times when we, like Jesus' disciples, are tempted to think that God has left us on our own.

The wonderful thing is that our sovereign God is in complete control, and once the storm has passed, we see how small our faith really is.

Each of us can be an encouragement to our brothers & sisters in Christ as we move through the storms life brings us. Please know that you are in my prayers. II Corinthians 1:3-4

ALUMNI FUTURE EVENTS

- July 13 Balloon Races
Gregg Co. Airport
- July 27 Oshkosh Aviation Alumni Party
- Aug. 24 Alumni Pool Party
- Oct. 14 Pennsylvania Alumni Dinner

EMPLOYEE SERVICE PINS AWARDED

Faculty-Staff service pins were awarded to several LeTourneau employees April 13 during the Alumni Banquet. Receiving 5 Year Pins were Dr. Alvin Austin, Melba Brewer, Kevin Bulgrien, Dr. Fred Carlson, Connie Douy, and Sheila Stuart. Receiving 10 Year Pins were Sara Carr, Ila Graham, Delinda Hall, Lynn Hill, Bob Johnson, and Bob Vetter. Kay Stjernstrom received a 15 Year Pin, and 25 Year honorees were Gerrie Forbis, Bill Kielhorn, Mary Shank and Dr. Ken Roden.

Two Added to Faculty

Two new faculty members have been hired for the 1991-92 school year, according to Dr. Glenn Sumrall, Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Mr. Paul Schwendel will serve as Instructor in Physical Education and Baseball Coach. He is a 1987 graduate of Rutgers University and completed a masters degree this spring at Washington State University, where he was an assistant baseball coach and instructor. During 1987-90 he was head baseball coach for Kean College, Union, N.J. While there he was voted Coach of the Year by both the New Jersey State Athletic Conference and the New Jersey College Baseball Writer's Association. He compiled a record of 67-53 and during his tenure Kean received its first NCAA

Tournament bid, and was ranked in the top 20 several times. As an undergraduate, Schwendel was a four-year starter at Rutgers and finished in the top 10 in the Atlantic 10 Conference in almost every major offensive category. He received the Coaches Award and was named to the New Jersey All-University Team, and competed throughout the U.S. and Europe on the Athletes in Action Division 1 USA Team.

Dr. Michael G. Windheuser will be an Assistant Professor of Biology. He completed bachelors and doctoral degrees at the University of Kansas, and is currently a postdoctoral fellow at Schering Research, Bloomfield, N.J. Windheuser, 31, is married and has three children. He taught high school biology, chemistry and physical science at Prairie View High School, LaCygne, Kan. during 1981-84 and was a teaching

assistant in the Department of Microbiology at the University of Kansas from 1984-89. Honors include the Undergraduate Research Award (1980), Teacher of the Year Award (1984), Cassandra Ritter Award (1987), and the Ethel and Joe Paretsky Award for Pathobiochemistry (1988). Professional publications include articles for Gene, Journal of Virology, and American Journal of Pathology.

"These two individuals have outstanding credentials, as well as being dedicated Christians, and represent the type of high caliber persons we seek for our faculty," said Sumrall.

Gramm Attends Invention Contest

Approximately 100 entries were received in the 6th Annual LeTourneau University Invitational Invention & Design Contest April 23-29.

U.S. Senator Phil Gramm (R-Texas) attended the Awards Reception April 29 and shared a few remarks on the importance of science and technology to the U.S. economy. Gramm also presented the Grand Prize Award for the entry judged Best of Show.

Entries were rated in five categories: Most Potentially Beneficial to Society, Most Innovative Design, Most Potentially Profitable, Most Effectively Displayed, and Most Aesthetically Pleasing. Divisions included Middle School, High School, Junior College, Senior College, and Adult. Some \$2,000 in prize money was available, with a \$200 first place, \$100 second place, and \$50 third place in each division.

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finisher Tarrant County Junior College. Huegel finished first in the airframe and airline safety categories, while Chase placed first in electrical systems. The LeTourneau team was accompanied by aviation faculty members Roger Carr and Fred Ritchey.

"It was a total team effort," said Carr. "Everybody pulled their share of the load and at the end we pulled it out by a nose."



Paul Schwendel



Michael Windheuser

Vice President For Business And Finance Being Sought

Johnny Williams, current Vice President for Business and Finance, has accepted a position as Vice President for Administration and Finance with Fort Hays State University, Hays, Kan. Williams, a 1972 alumnus who also has a masters degree from Stephen F. Austin State University and is a licensed Certified Public Accountant, will assume his new position July 1.

"We wish Johnny and his family much success in this move," said President Alvin O. Austin. "They have been an integral part of the campus for a number of years and will be missed, but we rejoice with them in this new opportunity and know they will continue to be effective servants for the Lord."

A search committee has been formed to solicit and review applications for the position of Vice President and Finance to replace Williams. Applications and

nominations are requested by June 1 and may be sent to: Chair, Vice President for Business and Finance Search Committee, Office of the President, LeTourneau University, P.O. Box 7001, Longview, TX 75607.

Qualifications must include: 1) a minimum of a bachelors degree in a business-related field with a strong preference for a graduate degree(s) in a business field and/or a CPA certificate preferred, 2) extensive experience in fiscal systems at a college/university or other appropriate nonprofit or business settings which evidence progressively responsible and successful leadership of the business, financial and administrative functions of a complex organization, and 3) a maturing Christian faith and commitment to quality Christian education.

Campus Mall (Continued From Page 1)

summer. Included will be lighting, landscaping, benches, a plaza, and the tower/carrillon.

"Students were impressed with the new front entrance, but the campus mall and tower will have an even more invigorating effect on the 'feel' of the campus," said Norman Reese, Student Senate President and a member of the Long Range/Strategic Planning Committee.

"The addition of a central mall to our campus will complement the existing facilities and grounds and bring us one step closer to implementation of our campus master plan," said Martin. "It is very exciting to see this become a reality," he added. The Belchers will provide

additional funding for the tower,

which was designed by Dallas-based architect Richard Flat, while the carrillon will be funded by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Glaske, Ft. Valley, Ga. Glaske is president of Blue Bird Bus Co. and chairman of the Board of Trustees, and Belcher is a private businessman and trustee with interests in real estate, timber, insurance and banking.

The tower will be made of brick and will be 72 feet high with four faces and a 15-foot base. "We are very grateful and pleased for these gifts, and for the positive changes they will help to make on our campus," said Austin. Assisting with the project will be architect David Scarborough of Tyler, who will be in charge of landscaping and lighting.

HONOR GRADS

Graduating with honors were Bradley Forrider, Daniel McCloy, Norman Reese, Lara Wallace, summa cum laude; Dava Caballero, Jim Epp, Scott Gardiner, Gary Hanson, Christy Henegar, Kevin Penner, Christopher Pratt, Scott Ray, magna cum laude; Douglas Anderson, Ruth Bradfield, Kristen Hanson, Joseph Henkel, Mid Johnson, Wendy Jones, Daniel Landers, Gaylin Lucas, Patricia Ruter, Darren Warkentin, Gordon French, David Pette, cum laude.



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Dr. Charles Conn

CONN SPEAKS AT GRADUATION

Spring commencement ceremonies at LeTourneau University were held May 4 with Dr. Charles Paul Conn, President of Lee College, Cleveland, Tenn., delivering the keynote address.

A large crowd was in attendance for the event, held on the front lawn of the campus. Some 158 graduates received their diplomas.



Dr. Ken Roden

RODEN FINISHES 16TH MARATHON

Dr. Ken Roden, associate professor of mathematics and cross country coach, competed in the Boston Marathon April 15, finishing 4,260th in a time of 3:26:43. More than 8,000 runners registered for the race and some 7,500 finished. This was the 16th marathon Roden has completed. He ran in the 1981 Boston Marathon and has competed in marathons in Galveston, Houston, Dallas, Louisiana and Arkansas.